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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Communication mailed from the Patent Office on October 3, 2002 (Paper No. 8). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17.